

**Town of Frye Island**

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**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

**All Fire, Medical or Police Emergencies –  
Call 911**  
**Non-Emergency Number**  
**Frye Island Police – 207-749-7614**

**TOWN OF FRYE ISLAND  
OFFICE HOURS**  
**TUESDAY THRU SATURDAY**  
**9:00AM – 3:00PM**  
**SUNDAY & MONDAY - CLOSED**

ALL EMAIL FOR THE FINS SHOULD NOW BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
FOLLOWING: [nmcenaney@fryeisland.com](mailto:nmcenaney@fryeisland.com)

**Island Manager Comments**

Let me take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to Frye Island for what; hopefully, will be another very enjoyable season. We are starting out this season with some familiar faces in new positions and some new faces in old positions so while we try to work some of the kinks out, please bear with us. A good portion of my comments were in the FINS last week but I know that there are new people coming to the Island every week now so I want to run them again,

**Long Beach Marina & Quail Circle Canal:** The docks have been installed at the Long Beech Marina. The final slip assignments are posted on our web page and will be posted at the Marina. The fees for 2004 are as follows:

- Marina Equity Slips \$375.00
- Marina Rental \$900.00
- Quail Circle \$200.00

In addition, if you use any of the Yacht Club slips, you will have to purchase a \$5.00 sticker that will have to be displayed on your boat. The police officers will be patrolling the Marina and Quail Circle periodically to insure that the boats in the Marina are in the right slip. Remember, by policy, the Yacht Club fees have to be paid by Memorial Day.

We have ordered 5 new docks, 10 new slips to be installed on the beach side of the Marina. These should be installed by the end of May. Once they are in the new slip assignments will be posted.

If you are installing a dock at Quail Circle, please make sure you install it correctly so that it doesn't infringe upon your neighbors space. Also, in Quail Circle, the beaver(s) have had a busy spring. Many trees are down and there is a large lodge on the even

numbered side. We have received permission from the local Game Warden to remove the lodge. If you are assigned a slip in that area, please have a little patience, we will get it cleaned up as soon as we can get the contractor out there.

**Ferry Service:** We have made a number of changes in the ferry service. Kevin LaMarre is now serving as head captain and his wife Sue is providing the administrative support. All of the handouts now available when you board the ferries can be credited to Sue. Hopefully these will help keep you up to date on the operation of the ferry service. I would like to clarify some mis-conceptions concerning the ferry operation that I have heard already.

First, we have heard a few people say that the \$3.00 increase in ticket price is being used to renovate the office trailer but that is not accurate. This winter I learned that the roof on the trailer had been leaking. Attempts to patch it over the years had been unsuccessful. In addition, the front door to the trailer could not be shut tightly and the second door had been completely blocked eliminating a second means of egress and creating a potential safety issue. In March, after the snow melted, we got a proposal to build a new roof, add new doors and attach a small storage shed to keep the supplies that had been blocking the second door. We also needed a place to store the increasing number of packages we are getting from Islanders shopping on line. The selectmen approved this expenditure.

Second, the three dollar increase in the user fees was approved at the October 2003 Town Meeting and was made effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2004. This increase is designated to go directly into the Ferry Reserve to cover future capital improvements. This winter we had all four engines (two per ferry) rebuilt by mechanics from Maine Marine Diesel, and the transmissions were removed and sent to the factory to be rebuilt. This cost us in excess of \$40,000 which just about depleted what we had in the Ferry Reserve. This rebuild did identify some serious problems that would have resulted in failures and significant downtime had the repairs not been completed when they were. Both of the ferries are now more than thirty years old and both need to be painted soon. It is also very possible that one or both will need to be replaced or modified in the future. We may even find that we have to add another ferry to the fleet to accommodate the inevitable growth. We are not sure of the ultimate solution but there is no doubt it will be expensive. The increase in the fee for both property owners and non-property owners is intended to build a reserve for these anticipated expenditures. It only seems appropriate that this **user fee** be part of the funding mechanism for this reserve.

Third, a lot of time was spent this winter reviewing the ferry usage reports for the past two years to help us establish a ferry schedule for the 2004 season based on previous usage. During this process, we also determined that the cost to operate the ferry averaged about \$70.00 per hour in 2003. When we reviewed the usage reports, the mid-night / one AM ferries were very under utilized. Because of that lack of usage, we eliminated these runs from the original schedule in an effort to run the ferry operation as cost effectively as possible. Since that first schedule was published we have adjusted it because of issues that have been brought to our attention.

We have also identified an abuse in the use of resident ferry tickets by service people claiming to be friends or guests of residents. The policy that sets the user fee for residents at ½ that of non-residents and contractors is a privilege extended to residents “in good standing”, their families and house guests only. This does not include renters. To assist the ferry crews in enforcing this policy we will now require the property owner to notify the ferry office at 655-4258 if they are expecting guests. You will have to leave your name, your lot number, your Island phone number, your guests name and the date you expect them to arrive. If, when you call a live body doesn't answer, leave a message. **If you fail to do this we will require the non-resident user fee be paid.** We would appreciate your cooperation as we try to protect this property owner privilege.

There have been a number of incidents when vehicles on the ferries have been leaking fluids, which in some cases appeared to be fuel, for that reason we are not permitting smoking of any kind on the ferries. One spark from a cigarette around leaking gasoline could be catastrophic on a loaded ferry. Please help us enforce this safety policy by refraining from smoking while on the ferry. In addition, we have had two near misses while loading and unloading the ferries when people have been talking on their cell phones during the loading / unloading process and not paying attention. Again, we ask that you refrain from using your cell phones during this process.

Your safety and the safety of your families and friends is a prerequisite. We will strictly enforce these policies.

Along these same lines, the DOT requires that any vehicle carrying 1000 pounds or more of propane must be the only vehicle on a ferry. So if you see the Main Gas truck all by itself on the ferry, this is why. Safety, Safety, Safety.

There have also been questions about the user fees for the ferry so we have prepared a list of the user fees for the different types of vehicles for both Island property owners and non owners. This user fee schedule is available at the ferry office, at the town office and on our web-site. There are two parameters that impact the ferry and the loading of the ferry; one is the weight of the vehicle, the other is the space the vehicle requires on the ferry. We are developing methods to identify each so that we can provide a more consistent approach to the way the User Fees are applied in accordance with the approved rate schedule. I will keep you posted as we finalize these methods.

This whole process of organizing the ferry operation has brought a number of things to my attention. The one most glaring issue for me is the timing of the preparation of the operating budget and the preparation of the ferry schedule. Right now we prepare and approve the budget in September and October and then we establish the ferry operating schedule the following February or March. This process seems backwards to me. I don't see any reason why we can't establish the schedule during the summer with Islanders input, and then prepare the ferry operating budget to accomplish the approved schedule. Therefore, I am going to hold an open meeting / workshop on Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 9AM in the Community Center to discuss the schedule, and the ferry operating policy. If you want input into this process please plan to attend.

Everyone associated with the ferry service is doing their best to enforce the policies and fees that have been established for the operation of the ferry. Very few of these policies are new; they have just not been enforced. I personally think they are doing a great job of it. If you have a problem with the operation, don't take it out on them they are just performing their job. If you have compliments please let them know. If you have complaints come see me.

**Public Works:** We have also made some changes in the Public Works department. John Crosby has taken over and he and his crew have done a great job opening the Island and getting the roads in shape for the season. We are in the process of evaluating a different material that can be applied to the roads for dust control. As we get more info, we will let you know. The hours of operation for the transfer station and the procedures that will be followed are explained elsewhere in this FINS. Just remember, there will be no door to door pick-ups this year. Everyone is responsible for bringing their own trash to the transfer station. We are also looking at developing a fee schedule for the transfer station that will be presented at the July meeting for those items that the Town is charged to dispose of over and above the charge for normal trash. This includes "white goods", propane cylinders etc. I have had a couple of people question the decision to eliminate door to door pick-up but after reviewing all of the costs associated with the removal of trash and debris it was determined that, like most rural communities in the area, this was a process that could be eliminated. The quotes we have for door to door pickup were more than double the previous year. We also have a quote to install a more permanent compactor at the transfer station but we felt that our compactor truck could provide the same function on a temporary basis. I would like to remind everyone that the transfer station is for the convenience of residents only and for Island trash only. I have a report that on an occasion last year an individual with a trailer full of trash was followed across on the ferry to the transfer station where the trailer was emptied. This obviously is not permitted. The containers that are located at the Transfer Station for construction and demolition debris are for the disposal of relatively small amounts of residential debris. If you are building a home or some other structure, renovating and or tearing something down, you will have to provide your own dumpster. Contractors will not be allowed to dump any material at the Transfer Station.

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Paul White has been appointed as the new CEO replacing Bill Foye who resigned at the end of last season. Bill will continue to serve as our Local Plumbing Inspector (LPI) until Paul completes his LPI certification. Paul will be available on Thursday and Friday mornings from 7:30 to noon for now.

**Elections:** Elections for Town and FII officers will be held at the July 5<sup>th</sup> town meeting. The following vacancies will be on the ballot:

- **Selectman:** In accordance with the town charter, the Selectmen must be elected, at large, by the Voters of the Town. There are three selectmen, each elected to fill a three year term. These terms are staggered so that each year a Selectman's position becomes open. To be eligible to run for the Board of Selectmen, an individual must be a Town of Frye Island Voter and remain a voter throughout the

term of office. All candidates interested in running for the open position of Selectman should give notice at least 14 days before the Annual Town Meeting so that the candidates name can appear on the Warrant. If you are interested please notify the town office no later than June 20<sup>th</sup>.

- **Board of Island Trustees:** We will be voting to fill one three year term at this year's Town meeting. To be eligible for this position, the candidate "must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, and an owner of real property located within the Town of Frye Island with a fixed home currently occupied by the person". To be eligible to vote, an individual must meet the same qualifications.
- **Frye Island Inc, Board of Directors:** There are 9 one year terms on the Board elected each year at the Stockholders meeting held concurrently with the town meeting. To be eligible to run for this office, a candidate must be a stockholder (lot owner) in FII. Only stockholders are eligible to vote for the candidates.
- **Representative to School board on SAD #6:**

These are all very important positions in the operation of our Town. We have been extremely fortunate to have had many very qualified and dedicated people in these positions. Don't underestimate the commitment required to fill these positions. These are not "figure head" positions. They require a considerable amount of time and effort to execute them effectively. If you want to take on this challenge please let us know in the office as soon as possible and no later than June 20<sup>th</sup> so that we can post the candidates names in the FINS and on our web site. If you are not ready to run for elected office at this time, at least attend the meeting and vote for the candidates of your choice. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

**SAD #6** There will be a public hearing at 11:00 A.M on Saturday May 29th at the Community Center to present the SAD #6 budget for FY 2004/2005. The actual vote on the referendum will be held on Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Primary Elections:** A reminder that we will be holding Primary Elections for Democrats, Republicans, and the Green Party on June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. There will also be a referendum on the ballot. Polls will be open from 8:00AM to 8:00PM. Sample ballots have been posted on the Town bulletin board.

**Meetings:** The summer Selectmen's meetings were scheduled as follows:

- Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M. Community Center (Rescheduled from May 22<sup>nd</sup>)
- Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 A.M. Community Center
- Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 A.M. Community Center
- Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup> 9:A.M. Community Center

**Asset Transfer:** Just a reminder about the Frye Island Incorporated proposal to transfer some of its assets to the Town at the July stockholders meeting. If you can't be at the meeting to vote in person please be sure to forward the proxy ballot that was in the winter

news letter to the office. This is a very important vote so please exercise your right to vote on these issues.

**Police Activity:** The Police officers have been on the Island. Their schedule will not be made public; however their presence will increase as the season progresses.

I have had a number of people offer comments and suggestions concerning the operation of the Island and believe me I appreciate their input. Actually, I encourage it. We have an ever increasing Island population and resources. We are trying to establish and or enforce policies that will contribute to the safe and effective operation of all the Island functions and will accept all the help we can get. If you have constructive suggestions, you can be part of the solution. I don't think I have to say anymore.

I apologize for the length of this report. I'll try to do better in the future.

Have a safe week!  
Wayne

**Town of Frye Island  
Planning Board**

**Saturday, May 22, 2004 at 8:30 a.m.  
Community Center  
Preliminary Agenda**

1. Minutes and Correspondence
2. Old Business
  - Growth Ordinance
  - Other Old Business
3. New Business
  - Septic System counts from PWD
  - Policy on lot splits and mergers
  - Other New Business

**This is a public meeting. The public is urged to attend.**

## MSAD #6 TAXES

### GREETINGS!

The recommended 2004-2005 school budget is only 4.29% over the current year budget, which was the same as that of the 2002-2003 school year. However, Frye Island's contribution is now \$729,081, which is an increase of 13.16% as compared to the current level. Why?

The Town of Frye Island is the fastest growing town, in terms of wealth, within MSAD #6 -- as determined by the State of Maine. (Congratulations!) Table A below shows how state valuations for 2004-2005 school year compare to the current school year. Frye Island managed to beat all other towns in terms of growth in valuations. (As I noted several times before, state valuations are not the same as local assessments.) By getting wealthier, percentage-wise, more than other four towns, we are rewarded by getting the largest increase, percentage-wise, in local allocations to the MSAD #6 budget – Table B.

Table A -- State Valuation of District for 2003-2004 & 2004-2005 school years

TOWN	2003-2004	2004-2005	INCREASE -- \$	INCR. -- %
BUXTON	\$375,950,000.00	\$430,775,000.00	\$54,825,000.00	14.58%
HOLLIS	\$194,075,000.00	\$221,975,000.00	\$27,900,000.00	14.38%
LIMINGTON	\$139,925,000.00	\$154,750,000.00	\$14,825,000.00	10.59%
STANDISH	\$549,650,000.00	\$637,925,000.00	\$88,275,000.00	16.06%
<b>FRYE ISLAND</b>	<b>\$53,500,000.00</b>	<b>\$62,600,000.00</b>	<b>\$9,100,000.00</b>	<b>17.01%</b>
DISTRICT	\$1,313,100,000.00	\$1,508,025,000.00	\$194,925,000.00	14.84%

Table B – Local Allocations by Towns for 2004-2005 & 2003-2004 School Years

	BUXTON	HOLLIS	LIMINGTON	STANDISH	<b>FRYE ISLAND</b>
2004-2005	\$5,019,241	\$2,586,042	\$1,802,500	\$7,431,359	<b>\$729,081</b>
2003-2004	\$4,532,067	\$2,339,642	\$1,687,455	\$6,626,347	<b>\$644,272</b>
INCR. -- \$	\$487,174	\$246,400	\$115,045	\$805,012	<b>\$84,809</b>
INCR. -- %	10.75%	10.53%	6.82%	12.15%	<b>13.16%</b>

Another reason for increases in school taxes – for all towns – is shown in Table C. These numbers prove, beyond any doubt, that taxpayers have good reason to be frustrated about the shift of the cost of education of Maine children to real estate taxes.

Table C – Chronology of State School Aid to Education – MSAD #6 experience

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
68.25 %	67.82 %	67.90 %	69.29 %	68.36 %	62.46 %	62.10 %	50.87 %	47.21 %	43.47 %

**Increases in State Valuations & Decreases in State Funds => Increases in Property Taxes.**

The School Board did all it could to keep these increases down without hurting education.

Please come to the formal School Budget Presentation on Saturday, May 29, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. at the Community Center. Meanwhile, there is a copy of the 2004-2005 recommended budget and other informational material for your perusal at the Town Office. Then make your informed vote.

**Budget Referendum: Tuesday, June 8, 2004.**

Kind regards,

Oleg Svetlichny,

Lot 13 and MSAD #6 Board member

**FRYE ISLAND GOLF CLUB  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
1 FAIRWAY LANE  
655-3551**

**HOURS OF OPERATION**

(Before Memorial Day Weekend)

Monday – Thursday Closed

Friday & Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**RATES**

**Greens Fee:**

Weekend \$28.00

Weekday \$18.00

Weekday Youth \$10.00

Twilight (after 5 p.m.) \$13.00

**REMINDER:** Memberships have to be renewed. If you are not a member and would like to be call or visit the pro shop for information.

**SUNDAY MORNING SCRAMBLE** – Shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. Sign in by 7:45 a.m. or call 655-3551 to let us know that you will be playing. ALL ARE WELCOME.

## **TENTATIVE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2004:**

May 22	Kick-off Classic
May 29	Ryder Cup Member-Member
June 5	Outside
June 26 & 27	Frye Island Invitational Weekend After Fathers Day
July 3	Steak & Hotdog
July 17	East vs. West
August 7	Member-Guest
August 14	Rally for a Cure
September 4	President's Cup
September 11&12	Outside
September 25	Shoot out
October 9	October's Best

### **KICK-OFF CLASSIC TOURNAMENT**

Saturday, May 22, 2004

Rules Overview – 10:15 a.m.

Shotgun Start – 10:30 a.m.

Format: 9 Hole 4-person scramble

Closest to the pin on #8

Cost: Members - \$10.00

Non Members - \$10.00 plus green fee

Sign up by Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> by noontime at the clubhouse or call @ 655-3551.

### **SUNDAY MORNING SCRAMBLE RESULTS – 5/9/04**

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> Place - \$15.00 each:**

George Greenwich

Bill Gately

Vic Solomini

Roger Stenz

#### **Closest to the pin - \$12.00:**

Paul Lyons

### **LEISURE LOUNGE**

#### **1 FAIRWAY LANE**

(adjacent to the golf pro shop)

655-3551

#### **Lounge Hours**

(Before Memorial Day Weekend)

Monday – Thursday Closed

Friday & Saturday 8:00 a.m. – Midnight

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Come to Leisure Lounge to meet old and new friends. We offer a full bar, complimentary coffee and popcorn. \$1.00 hot dogs, \$5.00 pizza's, \$3.00 root beer floats, and other snacks are also available.

Sports fans, we do have satellite television.

### **TURKEY DINNER**

**SATURDAY, MAY 22**

**COCTAILS 5:00 p.m.**

**DINNER 6:00 p.m.**

**PRICE \$10.00 per person**

Space is limited, sign up at the clubhouse

### **Transfer Station Fees And Operating Hours**

There are several changes in the way we will operate the former brush dump. One of the changes is the name. It is now called "The Town of Frye Island Transfer Station." Here are a few of the changes;

There will no longer be curbside trash pickup. For those interested in hiring a private source, the "Trashy Women," (who picked up trash curbside last year) would be interested. They can be reached at 998-3128.

The Transfer Station gate will be open 24 hours a day for walk through only, for the following items:

- All bagged household trash, flattened cardboard and separated recyclables at no charge.

The transfer station will be open for drive through and an attendant will be present for all other items for disposal. The hours are as follows:

- Wednesday 10:00am – 4:00pm
- Saturday 8:30am – 2:30pm
- Sunday 10:00am – 4:00pm

As for elderly or infirm residents not being able to get to the transfer station, the DPW will gladly arrange to pick up those residents trash. The transfer station attendant will also be on hand on Wednesday, Saturdays and Sundays to assist any resident with their trash.

### **FRYE ISLAND GARDEN CLUB**

The Frye Island Garden Club invites all islanders join us for our meetings. There are no requirements for membership and no dues. We focus on beautification of the island, education in the field of gardening, meeting and socializing with fellow islanders, and having a good time. Our meetings are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 9:00 am at the Community Center.

Our first meeting this year will be on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be making plans for our annual **Plant and Bake Sale** on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. The success of this event depends on the help of many volunteers. There are different ways that islanders can participate. Please join us if you would like to be a part of this event.

### **GARDEN CLUB PLANT AND BAKE SALE**

Garden Club members are preparing for our annual Plant and Bake Sale which will be held on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 9-1 at the old fire barn. We will feature our usual selection of annuals, perennials, and delicious baked goods.

Proceeds from our sale are used to help maintain our beautiful island. The sale is our only source of income. Our gardens at the ferry landing are the first thing visitors see and provide a burst of color from spring until fall. The landscaping at the Community Center has turned the building into a facility we can all be proud of. More work will be done there this spring. Profits from the sale as well as the hard work and dedication of members have made these improvements possible.

We are asking Islanders to contribute baked goods and potted plants from their gardens. Please support our sale, add to your garden, and help the Garden Club to continue our beautification projects.

### **FRYE ISLAND CHAPEL**

Weekly Non-Denominational Religious services are held at the Community Center every Sunday Morning from 9:00am to 9:30am. ALL ARE WELCOME. DRESS IS CASUAL.

Chaplain: Rev. Dr. Gordon Talbot

**Season: Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup> through Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

